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September 14, 2001

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the City of Barron, Barron County, as an
Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Increase Electric
Rates

380-ER-102

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT
OF COSTS AND TELEPHONIC HEARING**

Telephonic Hearing Date:	Wednesday, October 3, 2001 – 10:00 a.m.
Hearing Locations:	Lake Superior Conference Room – 2nd Floor, Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI Barron City Hall, 307 East LaSalle Avenue, Barron, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application dated August 31, 2001, as amended September 6, 2001, of the city of Barron, Barron County, (applicant or Barron), as an electric public utility, under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03, 196.20, 196.37, 196.395 and 196.70, for an interim and final order authorizing the application of a Power Cost Adjustment Clause (PCAC) to Barron's Cp-3 customer class. This proceeding is limited in scope to this issue. Barron requested a separate PCAC, similar to the rate provision that currently applies to the remainder of the utility's customers, be applied to the Cp-3 customer class. As an alternative, Barron requested that the restriction in the current PCAC tariff that excludes the application of the PCAC to the Cp-3 customer class be removed.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will investigate this matter and hold a hearing on Wednesday, October 3, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. This will be a telephonic hearing conducted from two sites. The applicant will provide a room for customer participation in City Hall, 307 East LaSalle Avenue, Barron, Wisconsin. Customers may call the utility at (715) 537-3855 for further details on the location of the hearing room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the second location, the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, in the Lake Superior Conference Room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge David C. Whitcomb, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Please contact David C. Whitcomb, Administrative Law Judge, at (608) 261-8522 for specific questions about the hearing process.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director, at (608) 267-0912.

Other questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Jerry Albrecht at (608) 267-5111.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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